

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

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SKETCHES

OF

LEGISLATORS

AND

STATE OFFICERS

1876-1878.

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1876.

FIFTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

*County.*—McLennan.

REPRESENTATIVE LEM JONES is a native of North Carolina ; moved to Missouri a number of years ago, and thence to Texas ten years since. He is sixty years old, has been a married man for thirty-eight years, and resides at White Rock, McLennan county ; is a farmer

by profession, and is at present engaged in farming in McLennan county. In 1852, and again in 1854, he was elected to represent Dallas county, Missouri, in the Missouri Legislature. Again, in 1856, 1858 and 1860, he was elected to the same Legislature, to represent the new county of Webster, thus making him for five successive years a member of that body. He was in the Legislature when the war between the States commenced, and was an earnest advocate of the rights of the Southern States. Besides these honors, he held in Missouri several prominent minor positions of trust; was postmaster, United States Deputy Marshal, and captain of volunteer State troops, under General Sterling Price, at the beginning of the late "unpleasantness." During his citizenship in Texas, he has remained a private citizen. He is a Granger, and is Overseer of the State Grange, and a member of its executive committee; has been a consistent Democrat through life, and was elected to the Legislature by a majority of 452 votes.